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**PETITION OF NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC
SERVICE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF FUEL
COST CHARGE TO BE APPLICABLE IN THE
MONTHS OF AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND
OCTOBER, 2004 PURSUANT TO I.C. 8-1-2-42**

CAUSE NO. 38706-FAC63

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You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") has caused the following entry to be made:

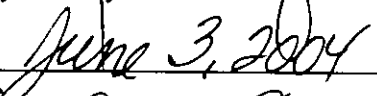
The Petitioner should file a response with the Commission on or before June 8, 2004 to the following questions:

1. A review of Exhibit B, Schedule 1 of NIPSCO's Petition reveals a weighted average estimate of 'Other Purchased Power' cost of \$67.341 per MWh during the July – September 2004 period. This estimate is 80.93% higher than the \$37.219 per MWh 'Other Purchased Power' cost that Petitioner actually experienced during the same quarter in 2003 and 111.97% greater than the \$31.769 per MWh cost during the same quarter over the period 2000 – 2003. Please provide a detailed explanation of the expected increase in 'Other Purchased Power' cost per MWh for the period July – September 2004.
2. Exhibit B, Schedule 1 of NIPSCO's Petition shows an estimated average output of 14,140 MWh from 'Other Generation' during the July – September 2004 quarter. This estimate is 3,998.45% higher than the actual average output of 345 MWh from 'Other Generation' during the same quarter in 2003 and 2,612.36% greater than the actual average output of 1,564 MWh from 'Other Generation' during the same quarter over the period 2000 – 2003. The expected increase in 'Other Generation' output has produced an average dollar spend on 'Other Generation' of \$1,540,315, which is 1,084.04% greater than the average dollar spend of \$130,090 on 'Other Generation' for the July – September quarter over the period 2000 – 2003. Please provide a detailed explanation of the expected increase in 'Other Generation' output for the period July – September 2004.

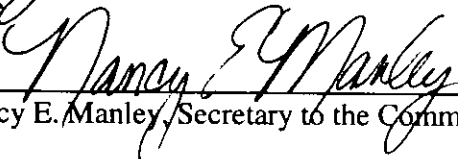
IT IS SO ORDERED.



Abby R. Gray, Administrative Law Judge



Date



Nancy E. Manley, Secretary to the Commission